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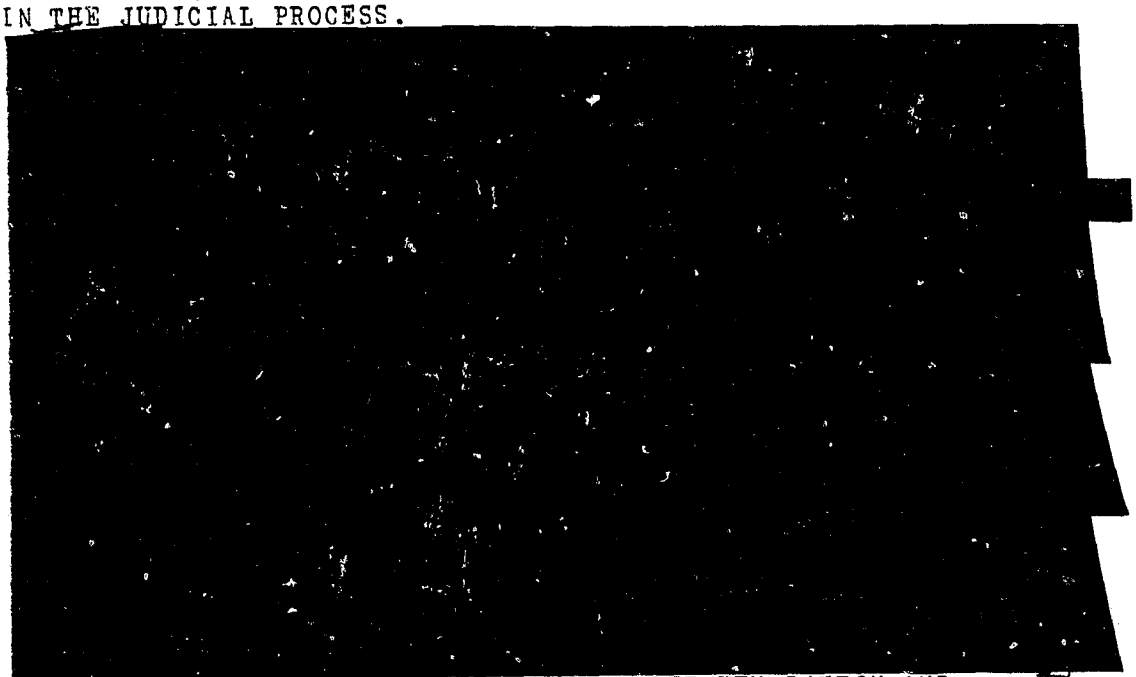
TAGS: CARR, GY (LAYTON, LAURENCE J.),(PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)
SUBJ: CONOFF'S VISIT TO LAURENCE LAYTON
REF: GEORGETOWN0075

1. CONOFF VISITED AMCIT LAURENCE LAYTON IN GEORGETOWN PRISON JANUARY 14, 1980. AS PER REFTEL, EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH MR. LAYTON. MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 1980, WAS FIRST OF ANY CONOFF WITH LAYTON SINCE HIS ARREST DURING WHICH NO PRISON OFFICIAL WAS PRESENT.

2. CONOFF WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LAYTON'S U.S. ATTORNEY, ANTOHONY TAMBURELLO, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS. CONOFF DID, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZE TO LAYTON, TAMBURELLO, AND TO PRISON AUTHORITIES THAT EMBASSY WAS NOT PARTICIPATING IN DIS CUSSIONS OF LAYTON'S LEGAL SITUATION, AND THAT USG CONCERN WAS LIMITED TO QUESTIONS OF DETENTION CONDITIONS AND UNDUE DELAYS IN THE JUDICIAL PROCESS.



3. ON INITIATION OF LEGAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LAYTON AND ATTORNEY TAMBURELLO, CONOFF WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING AND RETURNED TO EMBASSY.

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